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For the next 250 units per installed horse-power per annum—0·90 anna per unit.

For all in excess per installed horse-power per annum—0·75 anna per unit.

"No minimum charge but annual guaranteed consumption of power shall not be less than that equivalent to Rs. 7–8–0 per horse-power connected per year or As. 10 per horse-power connected per month, otherwise balance will have to be paid. Lighting allowed on the power circuits up to 80 watts per 1,000 watts of motive power connected.

"The annual minimum guarantee will be reduced if the consumer is unable to use power owing to scarcity of water in the wells due to exceptional drought. The reduction in the guarantee will be proportionate to the number of days in which the well could not be used and subject to the condition that the consumer sends due intimation in writing to the Electricity department as soon as the well becomes dry and the fact is confirmed by the Collector or by an officer authorized by him."

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU:—"May I know whether the cost per unit for electricity is below or above the cost that will be required per unit, if the machine is propelled by steam or gas?"

The Hon. Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"This question is about Coimbatore alone, and in Coimbatore, the question of machine propelled by steam or gas does not arise."

Proposal, if any, to construct a bridge at Nellimerla, Vizagapatam district.

* 89 *Q.*—Sri P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to construct a bridge at Nellimerla, Vizagapatam district;

(*b*) if so, what the estimated cost of the bridge is; and

(*c*) when the Government propose to start the work?

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:—"(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*b*) Rs. 3,50,000.

"(*c*) The work can be taken up as soon as the district board gets the detailed plans and estimates for the scheme prepared and sanctioned by the competent authority."